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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ABUSE ADVISER

REF: STATE 090162, MAY 11, 1973 (NOTAL)

1. WE EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AT THE 1975 COLOMBO PLAN MEETING ON A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE DRUG ABUSE ADVISER PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONCEPT OF A DRUG ABUSE ADVISER TO THE COLOMBO PLAN HAS BEEN A SUCCESS AND HAS MADE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION IN MOTIVATING REGIONAL MEMBERS IN DRAWING UP THEIR OWN ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMS AND IN FOSTERING SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION. FOR THESE REASONS THE USG IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE \$50,000 TOWARD THE COSTS OF A COLOMBO PLAN DRUG PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE, 1976. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, WE WOULD PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUIRED THROUGH CALENDER YEAR 1976.

2. AS IN THE PAST YEARS THE UK MAY ARGUE THAT A DRUG ABUSE ADVISER IS AN INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY FOR THE COLOMBO PLAN. WE WOULD HOPE THE BRITISH OBJECTIONS WILL BE PRO FORMA, BUT PN FACT HMG MAY ATTEMPT TO LINE UP VOTES TO SCUTTLE THE ADVISER PROGRAM. ADDRESSEES OF REGIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ADVISE THEM

OF THE SUBSTANCE PARA 1 AND STATE THAT, DESPITE OUR FAVORING THE CONTINUATION OF A DRUG ABUSE ADVISER FOR THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU, WE BELIEVE THE DECISION TO EXTEND SHOULD BE MADE BY THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, THAT THEY SHOULD DETERMINE THE USEFULNESS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF AN ADVISER TO THEIR OWN NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AND TO REGIONAL COOPERATION IN DRUG MATTERS. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THOSE NATIONS WHICH FAVOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE DRUG ADVISER PROGRAM SHOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER NATIONS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF SUPPORT FOR A DRUG ABUSE ADVISER AND DECIDE WHETHER
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TO APPROACH OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT. WE INTEND FOR OUR PART TO SUPPORT THE WISHES OF THE NATIONS OF THE REGION AND WOULD URGE ALL OTHER NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PIO ABARRO CONTINUING AS THE DRUG ADVISER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SELECTION OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL FOR THE ADVISER POSITION, OR THE

EXTENSION OF PIO ABARRO FOR ANOTHER TERM SHOULD BE A
MATTER TO BE DECIDED BY THE REGIONAL MEMBERS. OUR
POSITION AS OUTLINED REFTEL REMAINS OUR CURRENT POSITION.

4. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE
RESULTS OF THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18. KISSINGER

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